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Sir:

Applicant requests advice on the status of the above-referenced application. The application was filed on January 10, 2002. Applicant has not received a substantive communication since filing a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application on April 11, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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